Clover Hill

Clover Hill, Aug. 22.- Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Johnson are announcing the arrival of a great granddaughter, Mabel Elaine Garrett. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Garrett, of Richmond.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. C. L. Johnson in the death of her sister, Mrs. Lucy Smith Doss, who died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Genevieve Doss, of Lynchburg.

A card from Mrs. Jessie Carwile, who is touring the Western states, was mailed at Sherman Oaks, California, and reads as follows: "We're heading for 'Disney Land' and plan to eat chicken supper at Knott's Berry Farm tonight. Was down on Hollywood and Vine last night. Some town!" Mrs. Carwile and her friends plan to be home by the first of September.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Jamerson, of Elmira, N. Y., were guests one day last week of Mrs. S. G. Smith.

Week-end visitors of Mrs. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler were Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wilson and two children, Sandra and Jerry, of Black Mountain, N. C.

Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler and children and their guests enjoyed a picnic supper at Holliday Lake Friday evening in celebration of little Louise Wheeler's fifth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Carter spent Sunday visiting relatives at Shipman. Their two granddaughters, Doris and Helen Calytor, who have been spending some time here, returned with them to Shipman.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Vaughan and three girls, of Victoria; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vaughan, of Farmville, and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Vaughan, of Spout Spring were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lewis.

The B. W. C., of New Hope Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Kyle Coleman on Saturday evening and enpoyed a watermelon feast. They had as their guest, Miss Peggy Tucker from the Baptist Children's Home at Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence spent the week-end with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hancock, of Richmond. Their garndson, Stevie, returned with them Sunday and Mrs. Hancock and son, Frank came Monday for a visit.

Miss Peggy Tucker spent Thursday and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Torrence, and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Ferguson and daughter, Pat, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Garrett, who entertained at a dinner in honor of Mr. Garrett's birthday.

Mrs. Mary Copenhaver accompanied Mrs. Mildred Alvis and Miss Kate O'Brien to Stuart today to visit Mrs. Alvis's daughter, Mrs. Larry Burton.

Mr. and Mrs. Adfield McCain, of Livingston, Alabama visited Mrs. W. P. Gills Sunday.

Mrs. Banks Frazier and children, Judith and Tim, of Kenbridge, plan to spend Wednesday with Mrs. W. P. Gills.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sanderson motored to Greensboro Thursday and brought back their two sons, who had been vacationing there.

Mrs. W. P. Lawrence and children, Lewis and Becky, and granddaughter, Holly Lawrence and Danny Wood, all of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnson.

The Clover Hill Home Demonstration Club picnic has been postponed indefinitely.

We deeply regret losing Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Connor and family from our community, but wish them much success in their home in Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Torrence have moved into the house recently vacated by the J. A. Connors.

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Pamplin

Pamplin, Aug. 23.- Week-end guests in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Anderson were his mother, Mrs. W. K. Anderson, of Mars Hill, N. C., and his sister, Mrs. Bruce Wallace, of Houston, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Rosser and Betty Sharon have returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans, of Union, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Messer, of Charleston, West Va.

Week-end guests in the home of Mrs. H. T. Terry were Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Terry, of Washington, D. C. and Mr. and Mrs. Chat Terry, and children, of Critz.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McClenny and Janice Ruth were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell, of Prospect.

Mrs. Robt. Garrison spent Saturday with relatives at Richmond.

A Rosser reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rosser, of Cullen Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Guthery, of Lynchburg were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hardman and Mrs. J. A. Fore, of Petersburg visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Richardson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Brockwell, of Warwick are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McClenny.

Week-end guests of Miss Flora Williams and Mrs. Robert Williams were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Caldwell, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Williams and children, of Richmond, and Mrs. Edith Trower, of Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton Miller Southall, of Lynchburg, visited in the home of Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. H. M. Robinson last week.

Mrs. F. E. McCauley and children, of Fredericksburg are visiting in the home of Mrs. W. B. Ford and Mrs. H. M. Marshall.

Capt. Roy Ligon, who has been in Germany for some time, is now at home on a furlough.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Aug. 23.- My, my, the weather is some hot. Hope it soon turns cooler, as it is bad on the tobacco being cut. Sun burns it before the men can turn around!

Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell Smith and small daughter, Nancy Jean, of Kingsport, Tenn., are spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wheeler and son, Brad, attended a birthday party for little Louise Wheeler at Appomattox on last Friday night. She was five years old, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chick and grandson, Johnny Sadler, of Norfolk spent the week-end with his brother, Erwin Chick and Mrs. Chick and his niece, Mrs. Clyde Carson and Mr. Carson. They also visited another niece, Mrs. Lyle Caldwell and Mr. Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell, Jr. had as their guests her sister and family over the week-end.

Misses Mary Palmer and Ruth Overstreet, of Lynchburg are visiting Laura and Carey Anne Carson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on Sunday.

Miss Janie Thornhill has returned to her home in Lynchburg after a two week visit with Mrs. Rob Thornhill and Mrs. Floyde Weidman and other home folks.

Mr. Walter Payne, Jr. conducted the singing at Hebron Sunday morning, and he was the dinner guest of the Davidson family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Clay at Gladys on last Sunday.

Miss Anne Carson and friends have returned from a week's vacation in Florida. They report good weather there while we were in the stormy days.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bethel and Linda Sue, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with her father, Mr. C. D. Drinkard.

Mr. and Mrs. Cabell Miller and three children, of Massie's Mill and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Williams and two sons, of Lynchburg were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Caldwell.

Rev. A. D. Smith will fill his pulpit at Bethel Church on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, and at Trinity Church at 11 o'clock. Visitors are always welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Paulette, of Drakes Branch; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Dickerson and Fred, of Spout Spring were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell over the week-end.

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Foresee Increase In County Tax Income

Appomattox County's taxable values in assessed property and tax income will increase as a result of recent reassessments made by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. Ten public service corporations having property in Appomattox Co. now have property assessed at $2,-710,195, as compared with $2,611,-534 in 1954. The State Corporation Commission conducts an annual appraisal of such corporations, which are taxed at rates prevailing in the counties wherein the property is located.

At the prevailing tax rate, these properties will yield $67,754.88, as compared with $65,288.35 in 1954.

There was a general reassessment of real estate in this county this year by a special group of appraisers. A summary has not been prepared, but a hearing is set for Sept. 6, at the court house, to hear any complaints against the reassessment figures.

Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

...ot everyone knows about graphite, the dry lubricant. We use it ...y day in our printing plant. But ...tly we stopped at a motor ...t and the lock on the door had ...me stuck with rust and moisture after heavy rains, and the key ... gave us would not open the .... So we went around to the of..., and the guy came out with a ... of graphite—squirted some into ... keyhole, and right off the trouble ... over. Nice to know these things.

...x A. M.! A good time as any to ... a column. Just finished reading last night, the August issue of ... Wide World, the Magazine for ...." Filled mostly with travel, ad...ture and serious thinking put in...words. I quote from a paragraph "character in walking" which im...ed me: "Most of us are fam... with the light, quick step of ...y,' highly-strung people and ... slow, heavy footfalls of stolid ..., obviously in tune with their ...tal processes. There is the swag...g walk, indicative of terriffic confidence, and the furtive ...le of the poor fellow who feels ...s lost life's battle. Then we ... what might be called the 'lazy' ..., marked by a leisurely pace ... a seeming reluctance to lift the ... clear off the ground and plant ... firmly down again. .. An old ...ler once told me that the really ...'s man's boots invariably show ...iderable wear at the heel. 'When ... wears their heels right down at ... back,' he declared, "you can ... there ain't much work in ...'"

... Lewis Doss brought me two ...ock specimens, taken from an ...foot well at Beckham. Always ... to add to my collection.

...other Brightleaf bought a copy ... the air edition of the Weekly ...w of The London Times. I al... read ads as well as articles ... British publications. Especially, ... column among the ads headed: "...sonal." This column in the issue ... The London Times at hand is ...ed with the following quotation ... Ephesians: "Let all bitterness, ... wrath, and anger, and clamour, ... evil speaking, be put away from ... with all malice."

...ve decided to stick with my ... and shy away from Iris bulbs, ... going over a fabulous Iris ..., wherein we saw Iris bulbs ... at up to $25.00 each. That ... out of my class.

...ever, it is time to be rounding ... bulbs for fall planting. First at... to getting the soil ready.

...hat takes more Appomattox ... to Lynchburg than any other ...ing? Off hand, I would say to ... their people and neighbors in ... of the hospitals there. You al... find Appomattox people when ... drive out to the hospitals.

...emonstration ...lub Schedule

...hedule of Appomattox Home ...nstration Agent:

...urday, Sept. 3.- Liberty Chap... Home Demonstration Club will ... its annual recreational meet... and picnic at the home of Mr. ... Mrs. J. W. Gunter. All members ... their families invited to attend ... bring picnic supper. Note the ...ge in date. Set for 6 P. M.

...sday, Sept. 6.- Lee Club will ... at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. George .... Mrs. H. P. Woodson will ... the demonstration. Note change ... of meeting.

...dnesday, Sept. 7.- The County ... Demonstration Executive Com... will meet at the Agent's of... at 9:30 A. M.

...dnesday, Sept. 7.- The Glen... Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. ... Mrs. Hunter Nash.

...ursday, Sept. 8.- Stonewall Club ... meet at 2:00 P. M. at Stonewall ...munity Center.

...NDAY IS HOLIDAY

...day, Labor Day, is a holiday. ... banks will be closed, and a ...ber of businesses will take the ...day.

Says Fund Listed For Local P. O. Building

The Associated Press reported this week that a Post Office Building for Appomattox is on the Post Office Department's approved list, but cannot be built until approved by Congress. Recommended for Appomattox was $260,000 for a post office building.

Other Virginia post offices on the department's approved list for post office buildings are: Amherst, Brookneal, Halifax, Scottsville, and added this week were Madison Heights, Rustburg, Lovingston and Burkeville.

The Times-Virginian knows of no plans for building a post office building here in the foreseeable future, and the project will doubtless have to wait until Congress gets around to a speed-up in public works. As a first class post office, Appomattox is entitled to increased facilities and services, but realization of these improvements often requires long periods of waiting.

Oakville PTA Lists Program

A list of standing committees for the Oakville P.-T. A. for the coming school year has been announced by Herbert Richardson, P.-T. A. president. They are as follows:

Finance: Mrs. Carl Martin, chairman; Mrs. Alfred Garrett, Fleming Drinkard.

Character and Spiritual Life: Mrs. Bessie O'Brien, chairman; Mrs. Basil Lucado, Mrs. James Martin.

Hospitality: Mrs. Hubert Wilkerson, chairman; Mrs. Bransford Lucado, Miss Elizabeth Haskins.

Membership: Mrs. Nell Walton chairman, Mrs. M. G. Martin, Jr.; Mrs. Aubrey Moore.

Program: Mrs. Russell Martin chairman; Floyd Weidman, O. W. Martin, Jr.

Publicity: Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr., chairman; Mrs. A. W. Yeatts, Mrs. Roy Wells.

Room Representatives: Mrs. Herbert Moore, Jr.; Mrs. Aubrey Drinkard, Mrs. John Spiggle, Mrs. Lewis Moore.

The first meeting will be held on September 15 at 8:00 P. M. All patrons, teachers and others interested in the welfare of schools and pupils are urged to attend.

Demand Good

Mr. Oscar Jamerson, of Garst and Jamerson here, stated this week that demand is good for veneer logs, saw logs and cross ties, with some price increases. Also good demand is noted for pulpwood.

Red Cross Disaster Fund

Appomattox County has been asked to make a contribution to the American Red Cross Disaster Fund for recent hard-hit flood areas in Eastern United States. H. E. Kerr, chanrman of the Appomattox County Chapter, Red Cross, has announced receipt of urgent appeals for immediate contributions to the disaster fund. The Red Cross is undertaking to raise, by prompt donations, a fund of $8,000,000. A quota has been assigned to Appomattox County, and Mr. Kerr appeals to church groups, individuals and others to make their contributions at once so that this fund might be raised.

Following a recent personal inspection of the flood areas, President Eisenhower described the flood disaster and appealed to the public to help the Red Cross to render aid to the areas involved. He stated, "This is a chance where each of us can rise to an emergency and prove that the American people, regardless of governments, regardless of limitations on them, can meet an emergency and do it well."

Contributions may be sent to the Red Cross, Appomattox, Va., care H. E. Kerr, chairman.

Concord Phone Service To Be Expanded

A $33,100 expansion project for the Concord Exchange has been authorized by the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. of Virginia, E. D. Naff, Lynchburg Exchange assistant manager, has announced.

It calls for an addition to the central office building and replacement of the community dial office equipment with a large type to take care of service demands and to provide for future growth. The work will be done some time in 1956, Naff said.

The first telephone in the Concord area was installed in November of 1945, in the residence of Dr. R. H. Cross. From then until June of 1947, Dr. Cross and 15 other subscribers were serviced out of the Lynchburg Exchange.

An unattended dial exchange was established at Concord in 1947, at a cost of $127,000. It had 150 subscribers then.

About $40,000 has been spent in expanding and improving the service since then. Today there are 225 telephones in the exchange.

The Concord project is one of a number throughout the state authorized by the C&P Board of Directors for $1,901,200. This figure brings the total autorizations by the board during 1955 to $24,251,-051.

Warning To Labor Day Drivers

"Don't let that long week-end coming up become a 'loss week-end,'" was the advice today of Dr. Mack I. Shanholtz, State Health Commissioner.

Cautioning Labor Day vacationers Dr. Shanholtz said that "with a little advance planning and a lot of caution your Labor Day week-end can be a gain to you in health and relaxation rather than a loss in lives." Some important health and safety rules for the September 3-5 holiday were listed by Dr. Shanholtz to insure everyone a happy homecoming. His suggestions were:

1. Make sure the eating and sleeping places you patronize are clean and safe. Food poisoning can unexpectedly upset any vacation and the best prevention is to eat hot, freshly cooked or canned foods. Stay away from high protein foods unless you know they have been properly prepared, covered from flies, and refrigerated. All milk and water should be safe to drink and if there is any question whether the milk has been pasteurized and refrigerated or whether the water comes from approved sources, it is best to use bottled drinks while on the road.

2. Take sunbathing gradually, increasing the time of exposure to the sun each day. Too much exposure results in severe sunburns which require a physician's care. Cloudy and windy days can also cause much discomfort. Avoid sunstroke or heat exhaustion by covering the head and avoiding unnecessary heat, too much eating or drinking, and strenuous exercise.

3. Always have a companion when swimming; stop before you are tired; watch for rocks, holes, and treacherous undertows, and wait after a meal before entering the water.

4. Take no chances in small boats. When fishing, watch that dangerous fishhook.

5. Exercise should be taken gradually. By not overdoing it, you will avoid aching backs, turned ankles and heart attacks.

6. Carry with you an insect repellent to help relieve the annoyance of the various outdoor insects. Those who like to wander in the woods should watch for ticks, for these tiny insects are disease carriers and should be removed immediately.

7. Be aware of the various poisonous plants growing in the woods and along roadsides. Poison ivy, poison sumac and poison oak all cause minor to severe skin irritations.

8. Carry a first aid kit and handbook with you on your vacation to help with treatment of minor accidents and emergenicies.

9. Drive carefully, observing all the rules of the road. Watch for signs of fatigue and stop frequently for coffee breaks, rest periods and leg stretching.

Use of Buses To Transport Town Pupils

J. A. Burke, Division Superintentent of schools, issued the following school notice today, pertaining to bus service to town children:

"Pupils in reasonable walking distance of the Elementary School will be expected to walk to school.

"Elementary pupils who have been walking to Appomattox High School should continue to do so and buses coming into that school will pick them up and take them to the Elementary school.

"Elementary pupils who are not in walking distance of either school, or have to follow a particularly dangerous walking route, are authorized to get on the buses coming nearest them and these buses will transport them to the Elementary School. If it so happens that there is not room enough on the regular buses, those that are crowded will double back or a special bus will pick them up. Bus service will be available to all elementary pupils who are beyond a reasonable walking distance to school.

"It may take a few days to get the loads and routes adjusted. We are trying to work out a plan that will cause as little confusion as possible. With patience and cooperation the plan should be working smoothly in a day or two. We are trying to arrange for as few stops as possible and request the parents in a given neighborhood or on short streets to group the children for one stop if possible."

Abbitt Speaks At Farm Rally

Lawrenceville, Va., Sept. 1.- Representative W. M. Abbitt (D-Va.) speaking at the Brunswick County Farm Family Festival here today stated that "the greater the number of family-size, economically operated farms we have in America, the greater will be the strength of our institutions and our free enterprise system, and greater will be the security of the nation."

"Independent farmers were the strength of this nation when it was founded. They are among the most American of Americans."

The Fourth District Congressman said that "the fading out of the family owned and operated farm is of great concern to the nation. The family farm is one owned and operated by the family that lives on it, sufficient in size so that self-respecting men and women with their brains and their hands can hope to earn a decent living for themselves and their children."

"We have seen a steady lessening of the number of farms in recent years. This has resutled in the deterioration of many prosperous farm communities."

The Virginia lawmaker emprasized that "steps must be taken in the foreseeable future to protect, foster and promote the family farm as the continuing dominant unit in American agriculture which should include special attention to the manner in which we can adjust our farm programs to accomodate the convenience, productivity, and prosperity of the family farm unit."

Abbitt further stated that "we must realize that the prosperity of our local communities, our state and our nation is closely tied in with our agricultural resources. No nation can survive or has ever survived after her resources of the land have been devastated or depleted. To see that this does not happen in this country of ours is one of the prime duties of all our citizenry. Whatever happens on the farms and forests of our country is of vital concern to all businesses."

The Virginia Democrat said that "the farmers are now having their troubles. Serious troubles, if you please. Drought has for the past several years burned millions of dollars worth of crops and pastures. This year, storms and hurricanes have been devastating. Farm price drops have inflicted excruciating economic pressures on our farmers. Since 1951, net farm income has dropped 30% and there has been a 25% drop in farm prices during this time. During the same period, urban industry has grown increasingly prosperous."

MAIL POUCH RIPPED, BUT MAIL SAVED

Near disaster struck a pouch of first-class mail here Tuesday. A through fast train tossed off the mail pouch, and it rolled back under the speeding train, with the result that mail was scattered up and down the tracks. A hasty posse set out to round up the mail. Postmaster E. L. Smith went as far the over-head bridge east of town, gathering up mail! Many letters were torn, but so far as is known, all the mail got into the proper hands.

Hix to Head A S C Group

Results of the ASC committeemen elections held recently have been announced as follows:

William D. Hix, III, of Clover Hill, was elected chairman; E. W. Marshall, of Southside, vice-chairman, and Bennett Harding, of Stonewall, regular member. Alternates to the County Committee, chosen at the same time by farmer-elected delegates to the county convention, are D. A. Pugh, of Southside, and C. D. Lewis, of Stonewall.

Farmers also elected a community committee of three farmers in each of Appomattox County's three communities:

Stonewall Community

T. R. Martin, Jr., chairman; C. Roland Smith, vice-chairman; Lyle B. Thomas, regular member; Aubrey I. Moore, first alternate; and Hugh Tanner, second alternate.

Clover Hill Community

H. W. Jenkins, chairman; Burr Abbitt, vice-chairman; Jack Cawthorne, regular member; R. C. Richardson, first alternate; G. M. Webb, second alternate.

Southside Community

E. Carter Martin, chairman; C. C. Harvey, vice-chairman; E. W. Jones, regular member; William A. Hunter, first alternate; E. W. Marshall, Jr., second alternate.

Committeemen will take office today, Sept. 1, and serve one year. They will act as a policy determining body, making program recommendations, establish acreage allotments allocate ACP funds, approve important documents, and make decisions affecting farmers in the county. Matters of program detail operations will be handled by the county office manager and his staff.

Says Bridges Inadequate

Almost half the bridges 20 feet or more in length on the secondary road system have load limits of less than 10 tons, a report by the State Highway Department disclosed today.

Of a total of 6,777 bridges on the state's 40,000 miles of farm-to-market roads, the report showed, 3,-112 are of less than 10 tons capacity, 3,019 are in the 10 to 14 tons class, and only 642 can carry loads of 15 or more tons. There are 1,-885 structures restricted to five tons or less.

The report, which is prepared annually by the Department's Traffic and Planning division, showed that the Salem district led in the number of secondary bridges with 1,450; Bristol was next with 1,125, and Lynchburg was third with 1,056.

Of the 1,889 bridges on the 8,-000 mile primary system, 1,597 can carry loads of 15 or more tons, 173 have a 10 - 14 tons limit, 58 are in the six to nine tons class, and only 61 have a limit of five tons.

One of the Highway Department's objectives for the secondary system is to bring all bridges to a minimum capacity of ten tons. A study prepared by the Department in 1954 estimated that it would cost approximately $53,000,000 to bring the inadequate structures on the secondary system up to a minimum standard to serve traffic needs to 1965.

CAFETERIA NOTICE

Mrs. S. A. Lawson, manager of the cafeteria at the new Elementary School announces that the cafeteria there will serve meals the first two days of school, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 8 and 9.

A B C Profit Listed For Co.

There is no ABC Store in Appomattox County, but the county gets and uses its share of the profits of the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1955, Virginia made a profit of approximately $14,500,-000 in state-operated ABC stores. This was slightly less than for the previous year. The state will keep a cut of the net, and distribute $9,-354,839 to towns, cities and counties.

Appomattox County will get $20,-741.05.

The Town of Appomattox will get $3,083.81.

The Town of Pamplin will get $1,042.97.

The biggest cut in the profits will go to the City of Norfolk, state's largest city, with a population within city limits of 252,605. Norfolk will get $712,053 from the ABC profits.

Vera Mill Lost By Fire

No plans have been announced as to whether or not the Vera Milling Company will rebuild its building destroyed by fire last Saturday. The mill suffered a total loss, not only of building, but of equipment, some of which was new. A considerable quantity of wheat stored at the mill was also a loss. It was the county's heaviest fire loss of the year. W. J. Covington, Jr., proprietor of the mill, and Elisha Ferguson, an employee, escaped without injury as the flames, of undetermined origin enveloped the plant.

Vera Milling Co. started in 1930, and was operated by the father of the present owners until his death six years ago.

August crop estimate promises a record farm output.

MYSTERY WRITING FOUND ON OLD WALKING STICK

A walking stick, 3 feet long, and 3/4 inch in diameter was found at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Farrar, at Evergreen. There is an amazing story about this stick. Mr. Farrar says he remembers the stick had been a round the house since his boyhood. Mrs. Farrar states that it has always been a plaything for children. And it was in that capacity that a discovery was made this week. Johnnie, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Farrar had been using the stick as a make-believe 'gun' in his games. His hands wore off the heavy varnish which looks almost like bark, on the stick, and suddenly he noted that there was "writing" on the stick! They brought it to The Times-Virginian office, and the writing is a Civil War message! We made out: 'Cut in the center of the 7 Pines Battlefield where 15,000 soldiers were killed May 3rd, 1862. Balance fought on.". It appeared that two names were added. Maybe there is even more writing under the varnish! No doubt if this stick could speak, it could tell a revealing story!